The Life and Legacy of
Mary Ann
Sheppard
March 8, 1937 – December 22, 2016
Service
Friday, December 30, 2016 at 11:00 AM
South Union Missionary Baptist Church
3550 Lydia Street | Houston, Texas 77021
Pastor Michael V. Smith - Officiant

Remember Me

Remember me when flowers bloom,
Early in the spring.
Remember me on sunny days,
In the fun that summer brings.

Remember me in the fall,
As you walk through the leaves of gold
And in the wintertime - remember me,
In the stories that are told.

But most of all remember,
Each day - right from the start,
I will be forever near
For I live within your heart.

Tributes to Mary

To My Loving Wife

You held my hand, you held my heart

We've shared our lives for many years

Yet for a moment we'll have to part

I'll cherish our memories

until we share our lives again

I'll miss you my lovely Wife...

Love, Your Loving Husband
Charles

Obituary

Mary Ann Sheppard was born to Phyllis Rhodes and Artis Martin in Gibsland, Louisiana on March 8, 1937.

She attended public schools and served on the Board of Directors of the Gibsland Coleman Alumni Association

Later she met the love of her life, Charles Sheppard and they were married on March 20, 1964. They remained together for over fifty three years. She worked for Houston Independent School District for ten years and was also a member of South Union Missionary Baptist Church for over fifty one years.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Phyllis Rhodes and Artis Martin; four brothers, Jessie, Jack, Otis and Glen Martin; two sisters, Minnie and Jonie Martin and one daughter, Donna.

She leaves to cherish her memory her husband, Charles; one daughter, Paula Harper; five granddaughters, Ebony (John), Brandy, Brittney, Tiffany and Tawana; one grandson, Charles; two sisters, Vera and Ethel; one brother, Lonnie (Clara) and a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, other relatives, friends and associates.

Order of Service

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Scripture Readings

Old Testament.....Rev. Richardson

New Testament.....Rev. Denmon

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Johnson

Solo..... "Precious Lord".....Betty Thomas

Resolution(s)

Musical Selection.....S. U. M. B. C. Praise Team

Expressions.....2 minutes please

Family

Friend- Mary Bogney

Gibsland Coleman Alumni Association – Barbara Lacy

Eulogy.....Rev. Michael V. Smith

Recessional..... "Going Up Yonder".....Clergy and Family

Tributes continued

Mother

To my strong but loving mother,
Miss you so much and love you unconditionally always.
I know you are resting in Heaven.

Love,
Paula

Granny

If tears could build a stairway and thought could build a lane, we'd walk right up to Heaven and bring you home. No farewell words were spoken, no time to say goodbye. You were gone before we knew it, and only God knows why. Our hearts are still active with sadness and secret tears still flow; what it meant to lose you, no one will ever know. But now we know you want us to mourn for you no more, but to remember all the happy times life still has much in store. Since you'll never be forgotten we pledge to you today, a hallowed place within our hearts is where you'll always stay.

Your Grandchildren,
Ebony, Brandy, Brittany, Tiffany, Tawana and Charles

Precious Memories

Active Pallbearers

Charles Batiste
Otis Martin
Tydon Bell
Malik Jones
Marshall Tre' Young
Dasean Jones

Acknowledgment

During these trying hours, the comfort of those who love us has been one of our sustaining elements. Your prayers have strengthened our faith; your words of sympathy has encouraged our hurting hearts and your presence has made our burden lighter.

Special Thanks to Harbor Hospice and Tonya Ryans for her personal care and assistance. Also a special thanks to Joyce Carter for her love, care and support, the Smith Family, Tommy Harvey and especially Pastor Michael V. Smith.

-The Sheppard Family

Interment

Houston National Cemetery
10410 Veterans Memorial Drive | Houston, Teas 77038

Repast

immediately following interment in the South Union Missionary Baptist Church - Cheryl Davis Fellowship Hall

Final Arrangements Entrusted to

Troy B. Smith
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